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sisters, these kinds of issues are going to be with us. But I want to make it clear whenever I vote against one of these kind of nominations, despite what I might say along the way, if the individual against whom I vote is wondering whether I had anything against him, I want the record to be clear that I do not. My no vote in this case, as with all of the others that I have cast so far, has nothing to do with the suitability of this individual to receive the appointment given by the Governor. As a matter of fact, Senator Schrock pointed out the individual is eminently qualified. Were the Governor a man of greater fairness, greater vision, greater understanding, it would not be necessary for me to engage in this ongoing protest. But until "Pharaoh" changes the way he conducts his business, I must continue to conduct mine in the way that I've selected. So my no vote is not to be taken as a reflection upon the individual who is before us this morning for confirmation.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Schrock, you're recognized to close. Senator Schrock waives closing. The question is the adoption of the confirmation report of the Natural Resources Committee found on Journal page 757. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: (Record vote. Legislative Journal pages 784-785.) 30 ayes, 1 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the confirmation report.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Confirmation report is adopted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first bill this morning, LB 717A, is a bill introduced by Senator Preister. (Read title.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Preister, you're recognized to open on LB 717A.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President, friends all. I rise to introduce the A bill to LB 717 that, as you'll recall, we had on Tuesday here, that was passed. This is the funding mechanism that appropriates the money to implement the LEPC programs, the Local Emergency Planning Committees across our state. The bill itself, the A bill is for \$150,000 for each of